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## The Brady Brief - Update on the Crisis in Japan

Dear Friend,

An 8.9-magnitude earthquake struck off the northeast coast of Japan last Friday, shaking office buildings in Tokyo and setting off a devastating tsunami that swept away cars and boats. The U.S. Department of State and the U.S. embassy and consulates in Japan are working to obtain information on the status of U.S. citizens and to provide them emergency assistance. Although telephone lines are disrupted, relatives may want to try contacting loved ones in Japan by e-mail, text (SMS) message, or other social media.

The links below contain information to update you on the situation and provide you with resources to contact any loved ones you might have in Japan.

**PUBLIC INQUIRIES**
• If you have concerns about a specific U.S. citizen in Japan, please send us an e-mail at JapanEmergencyUSC@state.gov.
• If you have concerns about a specific U.S. citizen in the Tsunami zone outside of Japan, please send us an e-mail at PacificTsunamiUSC@state.gov.
• E-mail inquiries are strongly preferred, but you may call the Department's emergency assistance center at 1-888-407-4747 (Calling from outside the U.S. + 1-202-501-4444).

**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE PERSONNEL INQUIRIES**
• U.S. Forces Japan reports that all personnel have been accounted for, and there are no reports of injuries.
• The Department of Defense instructs that family members of Department of Defense personnel should call 1-800-342-9647 to inquire about their loved ones or contact the individual unit command directly for more specific information.

**JAPANESE AND OTHER CITIZENS**
• If you are calling regarding a Japanese citizen, please contact the nearest Japanese Embassy or Consulate.
• If you are calling regarding a citizen of a third country, please contact that country's Embassy or Consulate. Contact information for foreign Embassies and Consulates in the United States is available in the Country Specific Information links at www.travel.state.gov www.travel.state.gov.

Since the earthquake, the United States has been working to assist the Japanese people. Two urban search and rescue (USAR) teams from Los Angeles and Fairfax counties arrived in the Ofunato area and will began operations on March 15. USAID's Response Management Team will deploy additional NRC officials to

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handle nuclear issues on the ground. Marines from the III Marine Expeditionary Force (MEF) are deploying critically needed supplies to affected areas.

As this situation progrsses, should you have any questions or need assistance, please do not hesitate to contact any of my offices.

Sincerely,

Robert Brady
Member of Congress

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